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Bridge Replacement Project Near Valley Center Begins

(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – A major bridge improvement project in Sedgwick County's 4th District will get started on Tuesday morning, September 4. The bridge that spans the Wichita-Valley Center Floodway on 85th St. N. just west of Valley Center will be closed at 8:00 am for repairs.

An entirely new bridge will replace the existing 55-year-old structure, which has reached the end of its useful life. The new 560-foot bridge and associated improvements are estimated to cost \$1.6 million, with 80% of funding from federal sources and 20% in local funding. The project is a joint effort between the Kansas Department of Transportation, Sedgwick County Public Works and King Construction, Inc. Completion is expected sometime during the summer of 2002.

"Convenient, safe roads and bridges continue to be a priority throughout Sedgwick County," said 4th District Commissioner and Commission Chair Carolyn McGinn. "While this project will cause some inconvenience to residents and visitors for a few months, the long-term benefits are well worth the wait."

The project will close traffic along 85th St. North between Ridge Rd. and Valley Center for the duration of the project. Travelers are advised to use 53rd St. N. or 125th St. N. as alternate routes.

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